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Senator Gilbert Encourages Use of State Pothole Number

(LANSING) – Michigan motorists now have the opportunity to easily report unfavorable roads thanks to a new service that allows for residents to report potholes, state Senator Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac, announced today.

"This new service will allow the state to isolate detrimental roads and fix them as soon as possible," Gilbert, chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, said. "The safety of Michigan drivers is always at the forefront of my concerns. This is an excellent service and I encourage all motorists to take part in helping fix Michigan roads."

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) recently released a toll-free telephone number and e-mail address for citizens to report potholes. The Director's Public Hotline is 1-888-296-4546. Complaints can also be forwarded to MDOT via electronic mail by going to the department's Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot and following the link to "Report Potholes."

Those reporting such impediments are also asked to isolate the location by providing the county, city and the closest cross-street and exchange.